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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 63-20014 is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the subject specification.

Japanese patent document number 6-6248 also is discussed on pages 2 and 3 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,332,977.

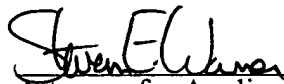
Japanese patent document numbers 61-290231 and 2573502 are discussed on page 7 of the subject specification.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
		US-5,332,977	7/26/1994	Fritsche et al.	330	297	
		US-6,151,100	11/21/2000	Yamane et al.	355	53	
		US-6,266,133 B1	07/24/2001	Miyajima et al.	355	72	
		US-6,583,859 B2	06/24/2003	Miyajima et al.	355	72	
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		6-6248	1/14/1994	Japan			Abstract
		61-290231	12/20/1986	Japan			Abstract
		2573502	10/24/1996	Japan			Abstract
		63-20014	04/26/1988	Japan			Abstract
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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